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Sally's Hollow Fire 08/09/11 Update

Start Date: Thursday, August 4, 2011

Location: Approximately 5 miles North of Buckeye Reservoir.

Acres Burned: Approximately 45 acres.

Narrative: The fire was started by lightning in the Sally's Hollow area. The objective of this fire is being managed to improve timber stand conditions and reduce fuels. The fire is burning in an area of ponderosa pine where previous management activities have been limited. Because ponderosa pine is a fire tolerant species, low intensity fire can benefit the health of this fire tolerant ecosystem. Personnel on the ground are taking actions where needed to assure that this fire stays within a specified location. Currently there are approximately 30 individuals assisting on the ground.

It is important to recognize that the fire is being actively managed to meet multiple objectives. Fire managers will review the fire's progress and weather forecasts to determine if the objectives are being met, or if a different course of action is required.

Smoke may be visible depending on weather conditions and fire behavior. Fire activity and smoke are generally greatest during the late afternoons, when temperatures are highest and humidity is lowest.

These fires are often a long duration event. It is not the intent of the Moab Ranger District to allow this fire to burn over a long duration.

Closures: No closures at this time.

NOTE: Fire managers would like to remind everyone to be especially careful and fire conscious while recreating this summer.

Contact Information: Additional information is available by visiting <u>www.utahfireinfo.gov</u> or calling the Moab Ranger District at 435 259-7155.